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H. R. 748

To establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 28, 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself and Mr. GOHMERT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To establish and operate a National Center for Campus
Public Safety.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Center to Advance,
5 Monitor, and Preserve University Security Safety Act of
6 2009” or the “CAMPUS Safety Act of 2009”.

7 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY.**

8 Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe
9 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.) is amended
10 by adding at the end the following new part:

1 **“PART LL—NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS**

2 **PUBLIC SAFETY**

3 **“SEC. 3021. NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFE-**

4 **TY.**

5 “(a) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE CEN-
6 TER.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office
8 of Community Oriented Policing Services is author-
9 ized to establish and operate a National Center for
10 Campus Public Safety (referred to in this section as
11 the ‘Center’).

12 “(2) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Director of the
13 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is
14 authorized to award grants to institutions of higher
15 education and other nonprofit organizations to assist
16 in carrying out the functions of the Center required
17 under subsection (b).

18 “(b) FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTER.—The Center
19 shall—

20 “(1) provide quality education and training for
21 campus public safety agencies of institutions of high-
22 er education and the agencies’ collaborative part-
23 ners, including campus mental health agencies;

24 “(2) foster quality research to strengthen the
25 safety and security of institutions of higher edu-
26 cation;

1 “(3) serve as a clearinghouse for the identifica-
2 tion and dissemination of information, policies, pro-
3 cedures, and best practices relevant to campus pub-
4 lic safety, including off-campus housing safety, the
5 prevention of violence against persons and property,
6 and emergency response and evacuation procedures;

7 “(4) develop protocols, in conjunction with the
8 Attorney General, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
9 rity, the Secretary of Education, State, local, and
10 tribal governments and law enforcement agencies,
11 private and nonprofit organizations and associations,
12 and other stakeholders, to prevent, protect against,
13 respond to, and recover from, natural and man-made
14 emergencies or dangerous situations involving an im-
15 mediate threat to the health or safety of the campus
16 community;

17 “(5) promote the development and dissemina-
18 tion of effective behavioral threat assessment and
19 management models to prevent campus violence;

20 “(6) coordinate campus safety information (in-
21 cluding ways to increase off-campus housing safety)
22 and resources available from the Department of Jus-
23 tice, the Department of Homeland Security, the De-
24 partment of Education, State, local, and tribal gov-

1 ernments and law enforcement agencies, and private
2 and nonprofit organizations and associations;

3 “(7) increase cooperation, collaboration, and
4 consistency in prevention, response, and problem-
5 solving methods among law enforcement, mental
6 health, and other agencies and jurisdictions serving
7 institutions of higher education;

8 “(8) develop standardized formats and models
9 for mutual aid agreements and memoranda of un-
10 derstanding between campus security agencies and
11 other public safety organizations and mental health
12 agencies; and

13 “(9) report annually to Congress and the Attor-
14 ney General on activities performed by the Center
15 during the previous 12 months.

16 “(c) COORDINATION WITH AVAILABLE RE-
17 SOURCES.—In establishing the Center, the Director of the
18 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services shall—

19 “(1) consult with the Secretary of Homeland
20 Security, the Secretary of Education, and the Attor-
21 ney General of each State; and

22 “(2) coordinate the establishment and operation
23 of the Center with campus public safety resources
24 that may be available within the Department of

1 Homeland Security and the Department of Edu-
2 cation.

3 “(d) DEFINITION OF INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDU-
4 CATION.—In this section, the term ‘institution of higher
5 education’ has the meaning given the term in section 101
6 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001).

7 “(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
8 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
9 \$2,750,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009 through
10 2013.”.

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